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SUBJ: BRITISH REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S
ADDRESSES IN DETROIT AND NEW YORK

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. BRITISH PRESS AND PRIVATE REACTION
TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE DETROIT ENERGY
CONFERENCE AND THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO THE UNGA
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MIND. BRITISH OFFICIALS LOOK FORWARD TO AN ELABORATION

TO US VIEWS AND PROPOSALS AT CAMP DAVID MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT TO THE DETROIT ENERGY CONFERENCE AND THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO THE UNGA, REGARDING ENERGY TO DATE HAS BEEN VERY LIMITED. TIMES COMMENTED SEPTEMBER 24 ON PRESIDENT'S DETROIT SPEECH SAYING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AND SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO UNGA SHOW US GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGED WITH PROBLEMS OF GLOBAL ENERGY POLICY AT HIGHEST LEVEL. TIMES THEN REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS AND CONCLUDED THAT RATIONAL GLOBAL ENERGY POLICY MUST BE BASED ON SEARCH FOR COMMERCIAL AND SAFE RESOURCES OF ENERGY AND ON MEASURES TO CONSERVE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ENERGY RESOURCES. CONSERVATION REQUIRES IMAGINATIVE PROGRAM TO REDUCE WASTE OF ENERGY AND HEAT AND MEASURES TO ENSURE ENERGY IS PRICED AT COMMERCIAL COST SO THAT MARKET FORCES CAN EXERT MORE PERVASIVE INFLUENCE AGAINST WASTE.

3. GUARDIAN SEPTEMBER 25, COMMENTING ON FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT TO UNGA UNDER HEADING, "FORD THE HAWK, JIM THE DOVE," SAID CALLAGHAN'S REASONED CONTRIBUTION WAS A NEEDED ANTIDOTE TO "INTEMPERATE REMARKS BY DR. KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD" AND CHARACTERIZED US POSITION AS "SABRE RATTLING." GUARDIAN CONCLUDED WITH GENERAL APPEAL FOR COOPERATION TO AVOID RECESSION.

4. BRITISH OFFICIALS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH US HAVE BEEN GUARDED, LARGELY BECAUSE BRITISH ARE STILL NOT SURE PRECISELY WHAT US MAY HAVE IN MIND. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY ARE "BEMUSED" AND "PUZZLED" AS TO THE PROPOSALS THAT US MAY MAKE ON SEPTEMBER 28 TO FOLLOW UP THE GENERAL VATEMENTS MADE IN DETROIT AND NEW YORK.

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